GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Allegation of Corruption in implementation of Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme at Kadiri Municipality against Sri A.E Bhaskar, former Municipal Commissioner, Kadiri Municipality – Disciplinary action initiated – Charges held proved – Imposing the penalty of Removal from Service – Implementing the APAT Orders in O.A.No.1384/2007 subject to outcome of W.P. pending in Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh - Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt No. 907

Dated: 06-08-2010
Read the following:-

- 1) G.O.Ms.No.509, MA&UD (Vig.IV) Department, dated:20.5.2005
- 2) Govt.Memo.No.16002/Vig.IV.1./2000-32, dated: 24-01-2007
- 3) From the Hon'ble A.P. Administrative Tribunal orders dated:19.3.2010 in O.A.No.1384/2007.
- 4) Representation of Sri A.E.Bhaskar, former Municipal Commissioner, dated:29-04-2010.

ORDER:-

In the reference 1st read above, Sri A.E.Bhaskar former Municipal Commissioner was removed from service on the allegations of corruption in implementation of Integrated Low Cost Sanitation Scheme, while he was working in Kadiri Municipality, as all the (3) Charges framed against him are proved in the Enquiry conducted by Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings.

- 2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government have examined the appeal petition of Sri A.E.Bhaskar, former Municipal Commissioner (removed from service) and observed that he being Municipal Commissioner, was expected to maintain the dignity of the office and his own integrity and he has to follow Government orders and procedures in vogue and being head of the office, he has contravened the guidelines and connived with his Subordinate officials and committed serious irregularities in implementation of ILCS Scheme. Hence his appeal has been rejected
- 3. Aggrieved with the above orders, Sri A.E.Bhaskar, former Municipal Commissioner (removed from service) has filed O.A.No.1384/2007 in the Hon'ble A.P. Administrative Tribunal to set aside the impugned orders issued against him.
- 4. In the reference 3rd read above, the Hon'ble A.P. Administrative Tribunal, after examining the connected records has observed that the penalty of removal is grave one, it should be invoked only in case of grave misconduct but not in cases of procedural irregularities. Undoubtedly the penalty of removal from service is shockingly disproportionate to the misconduct. Therefore, the O.A. is allowed. The applicant is exonerated from the charges leveled against him. The penalty of removal from service is set aside, the impugned orders and Govt. Memo issued in the reference 1st and 2nd read above are set aside and directed the respondents to pass orders under F.R. treating the period of removal or suspension as "on duty' and pay all the pay and allowances to the applicant. This order is to be implemented within a period of (8) week from the date of receipt of this order.

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- 5. Government have filed Writ Petition No.18921/2010 before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh against the orders of the Hon'ble Tribunal in O.A.No.1384/2007, dated: 19-3-2010 and the same is pending before the Hon'ble High Court.
- 6. Government after consideration of the matter hereby comply and implement the orders dated: 19-3-2010 of Hon'ble A.P. Administrative Tribunal in O.A.No.1384/ 2007 filed by Sri A.E.Bhaskar, former Municipal Commissioner, subject to outcome of W.P.No.18921/2010 pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Hyderabad is therefore directed to send necessary proposals to the Government for treating the period of removal or suspension period as "on Duty".

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

T.S.APPA RAO PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P. Hyderabad
Sri A.E.Bhaskar, former Commissioner,
Through Commissioner & Director of
Municipal Administration, Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Government Pleader for Services, MA&UD, A.P. Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad. **Copy to** SF/SCs.

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